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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MASS, SA

SUBJECT: HELICOPTER SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 2754; PARIS 16542

1. WORKING-LEVEL FCO ME DEPT SOURCE CONFIRMS SEA KING HELICOPTER SALE. ABOUT 30 OF THEM. THINKS THEY LIKELY TO GO FIRST TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THEN EGYPT, THOUGH THIS NOT SURE.
2. SALE CONCLUDED WITHIN LAST THREE MONTHS.
3. SINCE HELICOPTERS ARE NOT IN CATEGORY OF LETHAL OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, QUITE PROBABLE THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFER (EVEN THOUGH ASST UNDERSECRETARY PARSONS HAS RECENTLY TOLD US THAT "ALL" BRITISH MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO ARABS CONTAIN NON-TRANSFERABILITY CLAUSE).

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4. SAME SOURCE TELLS US SAUDIS HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE
RECENTLY AS TO REQUESTS FOR OTHER AIRCRAFT.

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